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FOR IBS AFRICAN DIVISION FROM NICHOLS ATTN IAA

SECSTATE ATTN AMBASSADOR BOLEN

1. SWAZILAND VISIT SUCCESSFUL ALL COUNTS. INTERVIEWED THREE SWAZI WRITERS, TAPED MATERIAL FOR FEATURE SERIES ON US AIDED SCHOOL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ALSO SMALL FARMER CREDIT INCLUDING INTERVIEWS FARMERS BY CANDELIGHT AND CUTE SCHOOL SEQUENCE WITH CHILDREN SINGING LESSONS. CHARGE D' AFFAIRS WACHOB PRESENTED WRITERS SERIES TAPES TO UNIVERSITY PRO VICE CHANCELLOR S.M. GUMA WHO SAID TAPES WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO UNIVERSITY. AT CEREMONY WITH SENIOR STAFF PRESNET NICHOLS WAS INVITED TO ADDRESS FACULTY AND STUDENTS ON AFRICAN WRITING AND DID SO FIRST SCHOOL DAY AFTER INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAYS. SWAZILAND RADIO LISTED TWO TAPES OF WRITERS ERIES AND PROMPTLY REQUESTED ENTIRE SERIES FOR REBROADCAST. RADIO FEATURED LONG TIEM ON NICHOLS VISIT ON 6 O'CLOCK EVENING NEWS AND NEWS ITEM ON TAPE PRESENTATION TO UNIVERSITY WHICH COVERED BY RADIO AND PHOTOGRAPHER FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION DEPARTMENT. RADIO ALSO CONDUCTED INTERVIEW WITH NICHOLS MORNING OF DEPARTURE.

2. DIRECTOR RADIO AND INFORMATION DLAMINI INVITED NICHOLS ADDRESS STAFF BOTH SERVICES AND TWO HOUR TALK AND Q AND A SESSION WARMLY RECEIVED. LEADING LOCAL
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PAPER SWAZI TIMES INTERVIEWED NICHOLS, RAN SUBSTANTIAL

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FEATURE AND PICTURE. WAS INVITED BY RADIO TO BE
GUEST COMMENTATOR DURING NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY
BROADCAST AND SPENT SIX HOURS IN BOOTH AT STADIUM IN
AD LIB PERFORMANCE WITH LOCAL ENGLISH AND SISWATI
ANNOUNCERS, PROVIDING EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FURTHER
STRESS US INTEREST IN SWAZILAND.

3. SPOT INTERVIEWS OBTAINED FOR IMMEDIATE USE WITH
HEAD UNDP PROGRAM, RADIO/INFORMATION DIRECTOR, PERMSEC
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DIRECTOR OF SWAZILAND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AT WHICL US STRONGLY REPRESENTED.

4. EMBASSY PROVIDED FULLEST SUPPORT INCLUDING THOROUGH
ADVANCE PREPARATION, FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTS,
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH IBS TO EXTENT
OPENING EMBASSY TWO HOLIDAYS ENABLE PHONING
VOICECASTS. STRONGEST SUPPORT ALL PHASES MISSION MERITS
SPECIAL COMMENDATION CHARGE, WACHOB, VICE CONSUL PERLOW
WHO HANDLED ADVANCE AND ENTIRE STAFF. LEAVING BEAUTIFUL
COUNTRY AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE WITH REGRET BUT BELIEF
HAVE MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS FOR VOA.

5.MULTIPIX, TAPES AND MESSAGES FOR FORWARDING BEING AIRMAILED.
REQUEST OPEN TOSE MARKED IMMEDIATE ACTION.

6. VOA SIGNAL HERE SPOTTY BUT GENERALLY FAIR TO GOOD. HEARD
SEVERAL PROGRAMS RANGING FROM 0300 GMT TO 2000 GMT AND ALL
VICES SOUNDED GOOD. BELIEVE HEAVY COVERAGE KISSINGER
PHILADELPHIA SPEECH VALUABLE IN COMBATTING STRONG CRITICISM

US SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICY REACHING THIS AREA IN
FOREIGN BROADCASTS.

7. REQUEST INFORM EMBASSY IF REPORT ON SWAZI TRADE FAIR
BROADCAST AND IF POSSIBLE SEND COPY OF TAPES THAT AND INDEPENCENCE
COVERAGE ATTENTION PERLOW.

8. INFORM WIFE ALL WELL AFTER SHORT VIRUS BOUT. RGARDS ALL. WACHOB

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